of Cloathing.

Liber C C Measures are taken in Time, for their Relief. We request you to No. 22 peruse and seal the enclosed Letter to the Board of War. Altho' we n. 186 have not any regular Information of the Action of the 10th Ulto interesting as it was to this State in Particular, we have no Reason to doubt that our gallant Countrymen, are under very distressing Circumstances from many Causes, particularly the Loss of their Baggage, and we rest assured that the Honble Board of War will see the Propriety of forwarding an immediate Supply. Unless we have some Assistance towards Cloathing the Recruits that are here, we shall soon have very few to cloath, as they lessen every Day by Desertion. We have Reason to believe that our Troops have, hitherto, received but a small Proportion of Continental Cloathing: To avoid a partial Distribution in future or to quiet Discontents and Clamours, if this Opinion is not well founded, it appears to us that it would be proper and just each State should know what Cloathing and Military Stores are annually imported, on Account of the United States. If it can, with Propriety be done at this Time we should be glad to know

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what has been imported of those Articles for 12 Months past, at least

Gentlemen The distressing Circumstances the Maryland Troops are under, by the Loss of their Baggage on the 16th Ulto oblige us to call on you for supplies from the Continental Stock of Cloathing; their Sufferings require immediate Relief. We have likewise an urgent Demand for Cloathing for about 200 Recruits, who we detained for want of Blankets, Cloth & Linen, and we shall have Occasion for a further Supply of those Articles for other Recruits expected. The Time is now arrived when it is necessary we should know what supplies of Cloathing may be expected from the general Stock, and to inform you that we fear it will not be in the Power of this State to furnish in Time, more than a partial Supply of Hats, Shoes, Hose and Shirts. Mr Wm Smith lately lent us 200 Shirts, which we had bought by your Order. We hope it will Suit you to give us an Order on him for them and, if you have any Cloathing in Baltimore, we request your Order for what you can Spare.

[Council to Colo. Henry Hollingsworth]

Sir We received yours of the 17th & 20th and send by M^r Giles £250 of the new State Money, amounting at 40 for 1, to £10,000. It is the general Opinion, this Money will circulate freely and will be taken by the Merchants in Baltimore and hope it will answer to extricate you from your present Difficulties. Lest there should be any Disappointment, by your not being able to pass this Money readily, we enclose an Order on the Collector of your County for eight thousand Pounds, which you are to account for or return, if you

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